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IN RE APPLICATION OF

EXAMINER: M. L. Shippen

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PHENYLACETIC ACID DERIVATIVES

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment and attached papers are responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2004 and are being filed by Express mail on July 6, 2004. July 5, 2004 being a holiday, the Applicants file these papers and herein request a three month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for \$950.00 for such extension and any additional fees that are properly assessable for the application to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

The amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response comments begin on page 5 in the section entitled "REMARKS".